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Reflections of Italy

June 23 – July 2, 2025



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10 Days • 12 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Rome, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Assisi, Perugia, Cortona, Florence, Chianti Winery & Cooking Class, Venice, Murano Island, Lake Como

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Rose Garden Palace, Rome
Day 4	Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia
Days 5, 6	Hotel Albani Firenze, Florence
Days 7, 8	Hyatt Centric Murano Venice, Venice
Day 9	Hotel Barchetta Excelsior, Como

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Monday, June 23, 2025 Overnight Flight

Welcome to Italy, a land rich in history, culture, art and romance. Your journey begins with an overnight flight.

Day 2: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 Rome, Italy

Begin in Rome, the "Eternal City." This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner featuring regional specialties. (D)

Day 3: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 Rome

On a guided tour of the Vatican Museums* explore the extensive Papal palace housing priceless artifacts from ancient Egypt, classical Greco-Roman statuary, and works by great Renaissance masters. In the Sistine Chapel, marvel at Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling and brilliant Last Judgment. Next, wander through the towering columns of St. Peter's Basilica, a daring feat of human artistry and engineering. Admire the baroque spirals of Bernini's altar canopy and gaze up at Michelangelo's dome – still the tallest in the world. Return to the hotel mid-afternoon. The evening is yours. Perhaps you'll join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, indulging in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. (B)

Day 4: Thursday, June 26, 2025 Rome - Assisi - Perugia

Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Take in the old-world atmosphere on a guided walking tour of the Basilica of St. Francis. Then you're off to medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria. With free time to explore, consider wandering along the *Corso*, Perugia's main street, where gothic facades are lined with shops and restaurants. (B)

Day 5: Friday, June 27, 2025 Perugia - Cortona - Florence

Head through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills to the Etruscan city of Cortona. Perched on the side of a hill, take in the ornate facades and gothic architecture. Peek at the adjacent Lake Trasimeno, situated off in the distance. You might recognize the city as the charming setting for the book and film *Under the Tuscan Sun*. End your day in Florence – the "Cradle of the Renaissance." (B)

Day 6: Saturday, June 28, 2025 Florence

This morning, experience Florence's cultural treasures on a walking tour, passing by the Duomo, the Baptistery, the Palazzo Vecchio, and the Piazza della Signoria. The rest of the day is yours to explore this veritable open-air museum. Perhaps you'll join an after-hours tour of the 14th-century *Certosa* monastery, followed by dinner featuring local wines, Tuscan food, and live entertainment. (B)

Day 7: Sunday, June 29, 2025 Florence - Venice

Start your day with a visit to a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region. In the shadow of a 12th-century castle, learn about Tuscan wines and enjoy a chef-led cooking class. Next, sit back and savour regional delicacies during a delicious lunch. This afternoon, journey through central Italy, crossing the Apennine Mountains toward the Po River Valley. Enchanting Venice awaits with 117 tiny islands and its latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Monday, June 30, 2025 Venice

See Venice from the water and take a boat** to Murano Island. At a glass-blowing demonstration, discover the secrets of this ancient art up-close and marvel at the one-of-a-kind designs. Make your way to the historic centre of Venice and see the Castello district with a local expert. End in St. Mark's Square, taking in the basilica and the opulent façade of the Doge's Palace. The remainder of the day is yours. Consider an optional tour featuring Venice's most famous pastime – a serenaded gondola ride. (B)



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* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package

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- * Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class or First class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.
- † Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

Day 9: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 Venice - Lake Como

This morning, you'll be whisked across the plains of northern Italy to the shores of glamorous Lake Como. During a ferry ride*** to alluring Bellagio, admire the endless succession of historic villas, lush gardens, and colourful villages reflected in the lake's blue waters. Enjoy some time at leisure to explore Bellagio's charms before sailing back to Como where you check into your hotel in the late afternoon. This evening, celebrate the end of an unforgettable trip with a farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 10: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 Lake Como - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close in Como this morning. (B)

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Jan 30, 2025, valid on air inclusive packages only.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more travelling on the same flights and dates.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveller. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven

surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travellers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

For your well-being, we recommend bringing comfortable, well broken-in walking shoes. The tour of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica require climbing 2-3 flights of tall stairs and walking over cobblestoned streets for up to 4 miles (6 kilometers) from the bus drop-off to the pickup point.

The tour of the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel averages 5 hours in length. Visitors to the Vatican Museum must be able to stay on their feet for the entire visit as there is no seating available. Air conditioning is also not available at the museum.

The included sightseeing tour of Florence requires the ability to walk a minimum of 2.5 miles (4 kilometers) over flat but cobblestoned streets, with narrow sidewalks.

The included activities are not suitable for travellers using motorized scooters, wheelchairs, walkers or Zimmer-frames.

Experience It! Assisi

Experience the town of Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Here you'll discover a blend of Roman ruins, winding medieval streets and beautiful churches that make this a must-see destination. Once a pilgrimage site and historical treasure, Assisi offers you the chance to return to another time. With a history that stretches back to 1000 B.C. (predating the Roman Empire), the town rests among the gently rolling hills of Umbria. Marvel at the Basilica of San Francesco, find an out-of-the-way shop, look out at the stunning landscape, or sit and relax at a quiet café.

For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1315662>

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

In Italy, some of the most unique sightseeing require accessing locations that restrict motor coach access, especially in historic areas such as Rome, Vatican City, Assisi, Cortona, Florence, and Venice.

If you are travelling between January 1 and December 31, 2025, you will be in Rome during the Holy Year. Large crowds are expected at all churches and religious sites during this time. The crowds may induce the city government of Rome to introduce additional limits to motor coach circulation determining the need to use public transportation.

*All included museum visit dates and times are subject to change based on availability of reservations. Due to the unpredictable nature of the events schedule at the Vatican, on certain dates it may be necessary to visit the Vatican Museums at a different time and on occasion, you may experience higher than average wait times at the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica. As a result of heightened security measures, it is forbidden to enter these sites and museums with handbags and backpacks larger than 16 x 14 x 6 inches (40 x 35 x 15 cm). While cloakrooms are available, they are not secured and in some instances your tour group may not be exiting from the same area you entered.

***On occasion, due to inclement weather or sailing conditions, your boat trip on Lake Como may be substituted with a visit to the city of Como or by a stop in Verona. In such cases, the visit to Bellagio will also be cancelled.

**On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice. Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

Proper dress (covering your knees and shoulders) is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc.

Most museums in Florence are closed on Mondays, including the Academy Gallery and the Uffizi. Most museums in Florence require reservations to access. In order to reduce queuing, we suggest you reserve your ticket online prior to departure if you plan to visit the Academy Gallery or the Uffizi during your free time in Florence.

On the day you transfer to Florence, you can expect to arrive at the hotel around 4:30 p.m. The following day, you can expect your included tour of Florence to conclude by 1:00 p.m.

If booking tickets for one of the above museums, allow yourselves 30 minutes to reach them from your hotel and/or the end point of your walking tour.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Our return transfers will depart from Lake Como to Milan airport.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Our air passengers will depart from Milan airport.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Travel Requirements:

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP: PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Documentation is required by foreign governments for all trips outside Canada. You should visit Global Affairs Canada at <https://travel.gc.ca/> for general information about passports and visa requirements. Some countries require a visa in addition to a valid passport for entry, so it is



important that you check with the appropriate foreign consulate or embassy for specific entry requirements and details you need to know regarding how and when to obtain the visa. Please remember the possession of valid passports and necessary visas are the responsibility of each client/passenger. If you would like assistance in ensuring you have the proper visa(s) for your trip outside of Canada, we would be happy to refer you to a company that can assist you.

We strongly recommend that you have a valid passport (with seven-month validity) for all travel outside Canada.

Please be advised transit visas may be required if connecting through a country on route to your final destination.

INSURANCE

When travelling outside Canada, health insurance is required. Contact your booking agent for more details.

TRAVEL CONDITIONS

There may be different living standards and practices and different standards and conditions with respect to the provision of services and accommodations outside of Canada.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of January 23, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by March 25, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until January 30, 2025.

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